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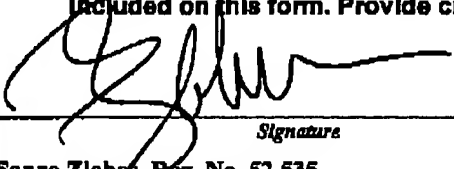
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Application No. 09/726,027	Filing Date November 30, 2000	Examiner PHAN, Hanh	Customer No. 28291	Group Art Unit 2633	Confirmation No. 9975
Title: <b>PROTECTION SWITCHING ARRANGEMENT FOR AN OPTICAL SWITCHING SYSTEM</b>					
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In response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows and re-examine the application in view of the amendments and remarks provided. Please note that the present response is accompanied by a Request for extension of time of one (1) month in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136.

Please also note that a "Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address" document has been filed in the Office on November 26, 2004.

Please further note the change in Attorney Docket Number from 12728ROUS01U to 85773-475.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.